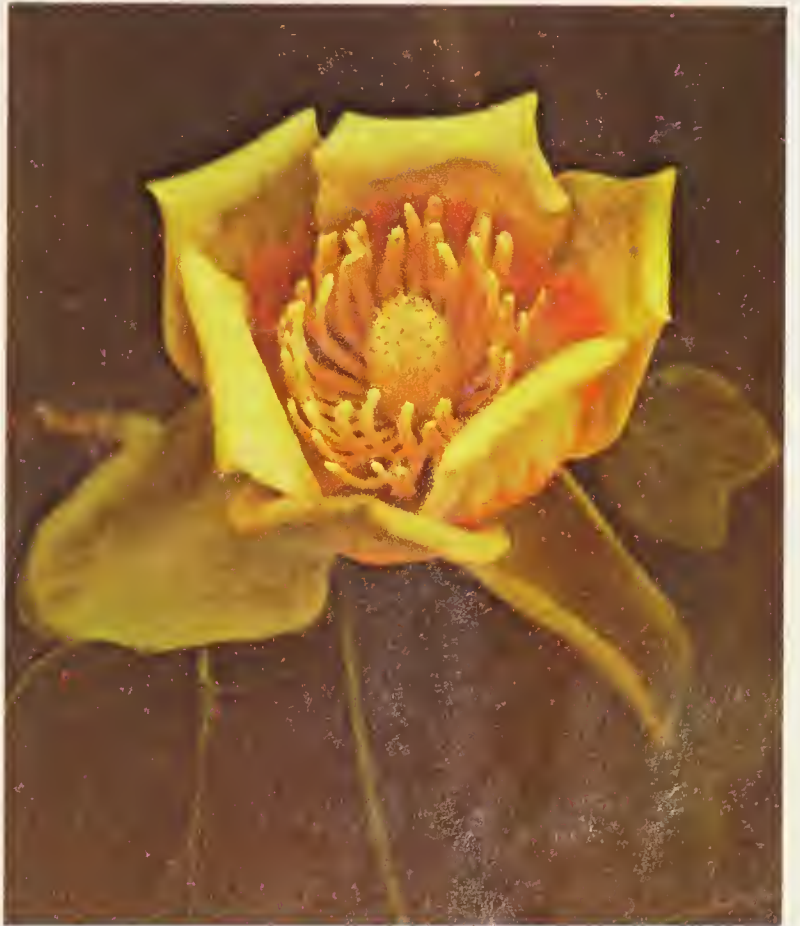




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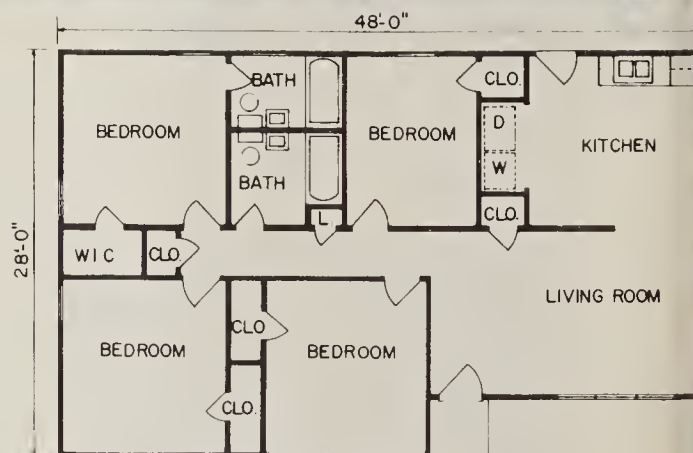
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# Nuclear: Neither Good Nor Evil

*This editorial, which is reprinted from Rural Electric Newspaper, a publication of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, was written by Mike Molony, manager of information and legislative research for the association.*

A very unfortunate facet of the present debate on nuclear energy has been the tendency of those who oppose nuclear development to characterize those of us who favor it as the villains in some sort of ecological morality play, pitting right against wrong, good against evil.

The recent film "China Syndrome" offers an illustration of this tactic, in which the utility executives are two-dimensionally portrayed as being motivated solely by greed and self-interest, with little, if any, concern for the public.

And then, of course, there's Ralph Nader's statement at the recent anti-nuclear rally in Washington, in which he likened Energy Secretary James Schlesinger's involvement in nuclear policy-making to "putting Count Dracula in charge of the blood bank."

This kind of attack has been a very effective way to attract media attention, and perhaps has been more successful than we care to admit in giving a "black hat" image to the pro-nuclear community. At the same time, however, it's clear that discrediting individuals and groups—by either side—does nothing to move us toward a rational resolution of what essentially is a technical, political and social question. Instead, these tactics serve only to cloud the real issues and to misguide even further an already confused and anxious public.

Nuclear power—as a concept and a technology—is neither right nor wrong. It's neither good nor evil. It's simply one of several ways that we can produce electric power for our consumers.

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And those of us who support the continued or expanded use of nuclear are not mustache-twirling villains intent on despoiling the environment or endangering the public. We're people—people cut from the same basic cloth as all of the Naders, and the Commoners and the Fondas. People who, by one route or another, have ended up with the responsibility for providing their fellow citizens with a commodity they require in their daily lives—an adequate and reliable supply of electric energy.

So the fact that we support nuclear is not, as some opponents would suggest, the product of some basic and deep-seated flaw in character. What it is, rather, is the end result of some difficult decisions we have had to

make in order to meet our responsibilities as providers of energy.

And if, when all is said and done, the American public chooses to overrule these decisions and forego the use of nuclear energy, so be it.

But whatever decision the public finally makes on the nuclear question it must be made on the basis of a full understanding of the facts, the issues and the alternatives. This question is far too important to all of us to allow to be decided on the basis of chanting catchy slogans or political threats made against elected officials by singers and movie stars.

If the time does ever come that the public decides nuclear energy is something they would rather do without, that decision must be based on reason, on logic and on a full understanding of all of the risks and the benefits. And furthermore, it must be made with the foreknowledge that by rejecting nuclear they are, more likely than not, accepting higher power costs, ever-increasing dependence on foreign energy, increased joblessness and a lower standard of living.

## The Passing Scene



• A Greensboro plumbing and heating firm has come up with a new application for solar energy: the solar outhouse. McFadyen Plumbing and Heating Co., which uses an outhouse as its trademark, built the structure to promote business. Its solar panels collect and store heat to keep the building around 70 degrees—even on cloudy days or nights.

Where were you when we needed you fellows?

• The State Senate has adopted a resolution declaring Sen. Joe Palmer's old pulpwood truck to be an item of historic property. The Haywood County Democrat had referred to the truck several times in discussing motor vehicle legislation, saying it had no lights, no windshield, no muffler and no gas cap.

Palmer's last laugh: He'd sold his "historic" truck.

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## Burnsville Girl Wins Poster Contest

Karen Simmons, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simmons of Rt. 5, Burnsville, won first place honors in a recent statewide 4-H Traffic Safety Poster Contest. Her winning poster stressed the importance of wearing safety belts.

Other winners are Jill Weicher of Rt. 1, Columbus, second; Glenn Brown of Rt. 1, Gatesville, third and Susan Lynn Taylor of Rt. 2, Polkton, fourth. They will each receive bicycle speedometers and maintenance kits.

All the youngsters entering the contest in 40 North Carolina counties will receive a safety belt game and county winners will receive bike decals and maintenance kits.

The contest was sponsored by the N.C. Association of Insurance

Agents, Inc. and John Deere and Co., and conducted by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

## Peanut Leader Honored

The School of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University has presented its sixth Distinguished Alumnus Award to Joseph (Joe) Sugg of Rocky Mount.



A 1934 graduate of NCSU, Sugg has been executive secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association since its formation in 1953.

"Mr. Sugg has provided outstanding leadership to the peanut industry," Dean J.E. Legates said in announcing the selection, which was made through a vote of the school faculty.

Sugg has served as president of the National Peanut Council, the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Advisory Committee and the Peanut Administrative Committee. He has served as a director of the NCSU Agricultural Foundation, a member of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences Advisory Council and as editor of the *Virginia-Carolina Peanut News*.

## Oops!

Two errors cropped up in "Here/There/Everywhere" last month. To set the record straight:

- Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation, Hillsborough, was scheduled to hold its 1979 Annual Meeting at Orange High School on June 15, rather than June 9, as we reported.

- A \$1.4 million Rural Electrification Administration loan for extension of service in Cherokee and Clay counties was awarded to Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation, Young Harris, Ga., rather than Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, as we reported.

## Graphics Assistant Named

A 1973 fine arts graduate of Methodist College has joined the

staff of *Carolina Country* and the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives as graphics assistant.

She is Patricia Harrison, a native of Erwin who has been employed as a typesetter, artist and designer with a number of businesses over the past four years. She will handle typesetting and paste-up duties for *Carolina Country* and various other N.C.AEC publications.

## Crescent Elects Director Emeritus

Crescent Electric Membership Corporation, Statesville, has elected a veteran director to the post of director emeritus.

At the EMC's recent 1979 Annual Meeting, the membership elevated E. R. Crater of Yadkinville to the honorary post of director emeritus.

Crater had served on the co-op's board for 32 years, having been elected initially in 1947.

Seven directors were also elected. They were: Jimmy R. Horton and Russell A. Cowan, both of Rt. 2, Cleveland; T. L. Brotherton of Cornelius; J. Adrian Dobson of Rt. 2, Moravian Falls; Terry Crater of Rt. 2, Hamptonville and Tom Bailey Woodruff of Rt. 5, Mocksville.

Incumbent directors were re-elected during 1979 Annual Meetings at four Electric Membership Corporations across the state. They were:

- French Broad EMC, Marshall—Novile C. Hawkins of Rt. 1, Mars Hill; Elmer Buchanan of Bakersville and Carl O. Ramsey of Rt. 1, Flag Pond.

- Halifax EMC, Enfield—Mrs. Helen Fleming of Rt. 2, Scotland Neck; R. J. Simmons of Rt. 1, Enfield; G. W. King of Rt. 1, Warrenton and Plummer Hardy Jr. of Rt. 3, Enfield.

- Harkers Island EMC—George Best Jr., Williford A. Dixon and Leland W. Yeomans, all of Harkers Island.

## Cover Features Five Tar Heel Wild Flowers

This month's cover offers a glimpse of some of North Carolina's outstanding wild flowers, as documented by various photographers. The photos originally appeared in *Flowers and Gardens of North Carolina*, which was published by the Travel and Tourism Division of state government. They were subsequently reprinted in the June, 1977, issue of *The State* magazine. W. B. Wright Jr., that publication's editor and publisher, kindly allowed us to make use of the color separations for these fine photos. We're grateful to him for his cooperation.

The photographs, clockwise from the lower left corner, show Indian Pipes (Photographer: Hugh Morton), Water Lilly (Photographer: W. S. Justice), Black-Eyed Susan (Photographer: Bruce Roberts), Carolina Lilly (Photographer: Edward Dupuy), and Tulip Poplar (Photographer: Anna Mueller).

## EMC Officials Meet with Congressmen

A bill to help finance a demonstration peat-fired generating plant in Eastern North Carolina and measures to reduce government regulations topped the agenda for discussion as about 70 North Carolina rural electric leaders conferred with the Tar Heel Congressional delegation in Washington May 7-9.

The conferences were held as part of a national legislative conference sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

In addressing the 1,500 rural electrification advocates attending the conference, NRECA Deputy General Manager Charles A. Robinson Jr. challenged the participants to tell their congressmen that "the public has no appetite for further intrusion of the federal regulatory process into their lives."

He noted that the National Energy Act, adopted by Congress last year, is 598 pages of rather small type, single spaced, which gives the executive branch and

regulatory agencies the authority to "create an enormous avalanche of rules and regulations."

He said pending Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regulations requiring large electric co-ops to file complex annual cost of service studies, would affect 700 co-ops across the country—because FERC has chosen to depart from the National Energy Act and apply some of these new regulations to all systems with annual revenue of at least \$2.5 million.

The proposal for the peat-fired power plant, which has been endorsed by an NRECA committee, calls for building a 150 megawatt facility in Northeastern North Carolina as a demonstration project. It would be the first such plant in the nation.

Rep. Steve Neal of Forsyth County introduced the bill which seeks authorization for federal financing of half the plant's cost. It has been referred to the Committee on Science and Technology and to its Sub-committee on Energy Development and Applications.

The bill asks for \$67 million over a six-year period, starting with a \$2 million appropriation during the first year. □

**ABOVE**—Tom Cockerham, a director of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, right, presents Fifth District Rep. Steve Neal with a box containing a sample of North Carolina peat during a legislative conference in Washington. Rep. Neal has introduced a bill seeking appropriations to help Tar Heel EMCs build the nation's first peat-fired generating plant in Northeastern North Carolina. Looking on at left is Joe Hendry, a director of Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson, and the North Carolina Association of Electric Co-ops. In the background between Rep. Neal and Cockerham are David Weil, left, and Rob Wrigley, both aides to the congressman.

**BELOW**—Seventh District Rep. Charles Rose holds a boxed sample of peat which was presented to him by representatives of Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs, and Brunswick EMC, Shallotte. From the left are: Marciea Lowery, a director of Lumbee River EMC; Mrs. Elias Rogers; Elias Rogers, president of the board of Lumbee River EMC; Rep. Rose; John Paul Jones, a director of Lumbee River EMC and C. D. Branch, president of the board of Brunswick EMC, Shallotte.





## For Pilot Program

# Smithsonian Scholars Selected

Forty-five North Carolina high school students have been selected to participate in three, week-long symposia at the prestigious Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

The students were chosen by a panel of judges to attend one of the three special seminars sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives and the Smithsonian, aided by a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. A total of 15 students were named to attend each seminar.

The program, the first of its kind in the nation, offers the students a unique opportunity to work with some of the nation's foremost scholars. During the all-expense paid trip, the students will receive intensive, college-level instruction by Smithsonian scientists and artisans.

More than 260 high school sophomores and juniors applied to attend the symposia.

Criteria for the selection of the participants included a scholastic average of 90 or above and exceptional talent and interest in the disciplines involved in a particular seminar. In addition, the applicant's family had to be a member of one of the state's 28 Electric Membership Corporations.

The first Seminar, "The Planet Earth," was held May 6-10. The second, "Man and the Primates," will be held next fall and the third, "The Quest for Beauty," in early 1980.

"The Planet Earth" dealt with various dimensions of the physical environment, including the elements that form the earth, the potential for increasing knowledge through space travel and energy.

"Man and the Primates" will allow students to investigate primate behavior with regard to human behavior. Areas of emphasis will include zoology, primatology, biology, anthropology, sociology and psychology.

The final seminar, "The Quest for Beauty," concerns the theory that all human civilizations show some concern with beauty. In examining the aesthetics of human life, the student will study architecture, art, music, film, mathematics, physics and engineering.

In addition to the 45 seminar participants, a total of 18 alternates were selected who may have the opportunity to attend one of the seminars if any of the first-place students are unable to make the trip.



**ABOVE**—A highlight of the first trip was a "behind the scenes" look at the mineral and gem collection that is not on public display at the Smithsonian. Pictured, from left, are, Carolyn Hill, Steve Parker, Yulonda Moore, Dr. Daniel Appleman, chairman of the Department of Mineral Sciences at the National Museum of Natural History, Willard Dove and Tawny Brown.

**LEFT**—Participants in the first seminar posed on the steps of the U.S. Capitol following a special breakfast with Sen. Robert Morgan. The students are, from left, Kimberly Locklear, Willard Dove, Fran Whitesell, Larry Hall, Carolyn Hill, Lori Martin, Darrell Cayton, Gina Gilgo, Stan Gallagher, Yulonda Moore, Steve Parker, Tawny Brown, Steve Fish, Brenda White, Tour Advisor Eddie Lail and Randall Kenan.





# Winners

## First Seminar

The 15 students selected to attend the first Smithsonian symposium May 5-10 on "The Planet Earth" are listed below, according to the EMCs they represented:

Tideland - Darrell Browning Cayton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cayton Sr. of Rt. 1, Aurora; Gina Ann Gilgo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Gilgo of Rt. 1, Oriental and Yulonda Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Moore of Rt. 2, Aurora.

Davidson - Carolyn Esther Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hill of Rt. 1, Denton and Fran Scarlett Whitesell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Whitesell of Rt. 1, Burlington.

Four County - James Willard Dove, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Dove Sr. of Rt. 3, Bladenboro and Randall Garrett Kenan, nephew of Mrs. Mary

Kenan Hall of Rt. 1, Chnquapin. French Broad - Stephen Pierce Fish, son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Fish of Mars Hill and Steve Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Gallagher of Blowing Rock.

Haywood - Tawny Lynn Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Owen of Rt. 1, Lake Toxaway.

Jones-Onslow - Larry D. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Edward Hall of Rt. 2, Jacksonville.

Lumbee River - Kimberly Locklear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Locklear of Rt. 1, Pembroke.

South River - Lori Ann Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene H. Martin of Fayetteville.

Roanoke - Brenda Jean White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. White Jr. of Rt. 1, Scotland Neck. □

## Second Seminar

The students selected to attend the second symposium on "Man and the Primates," to be scheduled for next fall, are:

Blue Ridge - Kenneth (Chris) Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Beard of Rt. 7, Lenoir and Curtis Gene Walling, son of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Walling of Rt. 2, Boone.

Union - Tara Leigh Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Carter of Rt. 3, Lenoir; Paige Elizabeth Hogan,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hogan of Matthews and Teresa Ellen Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus W. Griffin of Oakboro.

South River - Larry Allan Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene H. Martin of Fayetteville and Karen Lee Nunnery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade N. Nunnery of Rt. 2, Autryville.

Crescent - Nora Jane Reavis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Reavis of Rt. 6, Mocksville.

Pee Dee - Roberta Jean Baucom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Baucom of Marshville.

Central - Carolyn Belinda Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Cameron of Rt. 10, Sanford.

Pitt and Greene - Paul Richard Eason, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Eason of Macclesfield.

Albemarle - Janet Darlene Everson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Everson of Edenton.

Tideland - Connie Gaye Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Hall of Rt. 1, Grantsboro.

Surry-Yadkin - Rebecca Lynn Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parley Joyce Jones of Rt. 5, Mt. Airy.

Jones-Onslow - Cynthia Leigh Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ronald Pittman of Jacksonville □

## Third Seminar

The students selected to attend the third symposium on "The Quest for Beauty," to be scheduled for early 1980, are:

Jones-Onslow - Walter (Joel) Houston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Houston of Rt. 2, Richlands and James John Moran, son of Ms. Jean Foy Moran of Jacksonville.

Brunswick - Renee Lee Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Campbell of Rt. 2, Clarkton and Donna Dewayne Gore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Gore of Rt. 1, Nakina.

Haywood - Esther Glenn Deaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Deaver of Rt. 2, Canton.

Davidson - Perry Dean Boswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Boswell of Rt. 4, Thomasville.

Blue Ridge - Jimmie Darrell Bumgardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Bumgardner of Jefferson.

Wake - Anthony Carl Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nyle C. Hart of Rt. 3, Wake Forest.

Rutherford - Susan Lynne Horn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McDonald V. Horn of Rt. 3, Bessemer City.

Halifax - Jan Yvette Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jordan Jr. of Rt. 2, Macon.

Tideland - Teresa Laura Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Little of Greenville and Angela Rose Respass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rudolph Respass of Rt. 1, Pantego.

Pitt and Greene - Sandra Diane Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dred Morris Murphy of Rt. 2, Stantonburg.

Carteret-Craven - George Robert Wallace, son of Mrs. Margaret C. Wallace of Rt. 1, Beaufort.

Blue Ridge Mountain (Young Harris, Ga.) - Stephen Mont Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Rogers of Andrews. □

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## Alternates

A total of 18 students were named alternates in the program. In the event the first-place scholars cannot attend any of the symposia in Washington, they could be asked to attend a session. They are:

French Broad - Debra Annette Bullman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bullman of Rt. 4, Marshall and Conrad Plant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Plant of Mars Hill.

Blue Ridge - Sherry Elizabeth Goodman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Goodman of Rt. 2, West Jefferson and James Anthony Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks of Rt. 1, West Jefferson.

Surry-Yadkin - Lisa Michele Pettyjohn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Pettyjohn of Rt. 2, East Bend.

Crescent - Gary Scott Schenk, son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Schenk of Statesville.

Pee Dee - Toni Annette Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Thomas of Rt. 2, Rockingham.

Davidson - Don William Sheets, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheets of Rt. 6, Lexington.

Lumbee River - Melanie June Croft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss H. Croft of Rt. 3, Fayetteville.

Tri-County - Michael Troy Summerlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy O. Summerlin of Rt. 1, Kenansville.

Edgecombe-Martin - Wendy Dale Williams, daughter of Ms. Beulah Williams of Rt. 1, Tarboro and Alan Wade Eatmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eatmon of Rocky Mount.

Tideland - Brenda Ann Newman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman of Rt. 2, Aurora and Alston Grey Hopkins Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alston G. Hopkins of Rt. 1, Swan Quarter.

Carteret-Craven - Linda Jean Coats, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coats of Newport.

Jones-Onslow - Robert Stuart Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Parker of Jacksonville.

Four County - Debra Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus L. Hall of Rt. 1, Beulaville.

Brunswick - Frederick Arvil Brock Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Brock of Rt. 2, Clarkton. □

## Honorable Mentions

The Smithsonian program judges also named 44 students to an "Honorable Mention" list in recognition of their outstanding achievements. They are:

Haywood - Sally A. Sutton of Rt. 1, Clyde; Sonya Renee Fisher of Rt. 1, Lake Toxaway and Anita Darlene Lowe of Star Route, Rosman.

Blue ridge - Lorinda Ann Seward of Rt. 4, Sparta.

Surry-Yadkin - Vicky Fostinna Walker of Rt. 3, Dobson; Teresa Ann Dollyhite of Rt. 3, Mt. Airy.

Crescent - Adrienne Lea Meddock of Rt. 2, Statesville.

Rutherford - Terry Jane Bumgardner of Rt. 3, Kings Mountain; Jeffrey G. Lineberger of Rt. 1, Kings Mountain.

Union - Britt Hardin Walker of Landis.

Surry-Yadkin (Moved from Region II) - Mary Sue Neal of Rt. 3, Yadkinville.

Davidson - Stephen Y. Livengood of Rt. 1, Old Greensboro Rd., Thomasville; Fred Martin Yates of Thomasville.

Pee Dee - Julie Lusherl Jenkins of Rt. 1, Meadowood, Rockingham.

Piedmont - James Malcolm Hawkins of Rt. 1, Timberlake; Kevin Charles Council of Rt. 5, Chapel Hill; Estella Marie Poteat of Rt. 1, Semora.

South River - Cindy Lea Hampton of Rt. 3, Lillington; Connie Sue Faircloth of Rt. 2, Autryville; Laura Lynne Hoge

of Hope Mills; Kathleen Ann Sans of Spring Lake.

Wake - Michael Donovan Sawaya of Rt. 6, Durham.

Tri-County - Randall Jerome Page of Rt. 1, Albertson.

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# The Politics of Fear

The electric industry has been spending a lot of time and effort explaining rationally the potential ill consequences of energy shortages when the real issue is not rational. The real issue is fear—and it's being simulated by people who, frankly, may understand better than we do how to get people's attention.

We are in for a great struggle and it will be won or lost in the arena of public opinion. Our national problem

in the energy field is political. A democratic society acts only with a consensus—and our side has simply failed to deliver that consensus.

We should recognize that what the American people are being urged to accept is not an "alternate energy system," "soft" versus "hard," but a completely different way of life. It is a way of life that is pictured as simpler, healthier, more harmonious with nature and less exploitative of resources, and the button which is being pushed to move more people toward this lifestyle is fear.

The answer, we're told, is a decentralized agrarian society with reduced energy consumption.

**'We are in for a great struggle and it will be won or lost in the arena of public opinion.'**

I am reminded that we were there a century ago. Three quarters of our population lived in rural areas. One man could just barely feed his own family and one or two others. People worked 72 hours per week and the average life expectancy of a child born then was 40 years.

Those who promote and pursue these objectives seek nothing less than a radical redirection of society. They employ a number of effective tactics to gain that end.

First, short-circuit the nation's political process by taking advantage of the delay offered by unending lawsuits. Second, arguing that ignorance is honesty and deserves legal standing—while knowledge and expertise are suspect and do not; and finally they are forever coming to the rescue of allegedly "endangered species."

The name of the game is fear—fear of endangering species, including the human race.

We should be able to counter-balance the unprovable dangers of an energy system which includes nuclear power with the historically demonstrated terrors of hunger and joblessness. We must convince people that they are not being offered an energy system for the future, but a social system from the distant past.

—James M. Hubbard

Executive Vice President  
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**Jim Chaney  
Raleigh**

*Mr. Chaney retired as editor of Carolina Country in 1975, after serving in the post for eight years.*

Mrs. Harrington (Mailbox, April issue) makes the same mistake that many others do in assuming that variation within kind somehow proves the general theory of evolution. I say within kind because these type of variations historically remain inter-fertile rather than becoming a new species. This of course does not even remotely relate to the total lack of transitional fossils.

The fruit fly *Drosophila* producing a new generation every 12 days has permitted scientists to conduct experiments over hundreds of successive generations equaling to 50 or 100 or more centuries of man. However, *Drosophila* varied only within programmed DNA limits and colonies when left alone (irradiation ceased and selective breeding stopped) successive generations reverted to the original wild type. In all cases, *Drosophila* remained *Drosophila*—no new species emerged. The very interesting and very scientific experiments proved to be a study of the programmed DNA limits or even a study that serves to define "Genesis kind." The peppered moth of England and the dog population of the world are other examples of variation within kind.

The scientific fact of evolution tends to vanish the more carefully it is examined. Dating techniques that seem scientific are found to be selected or discarded based upon degree of correlation with index fossils of an assumed evolutionary order. If scientists, educators, and laymen will view all the evidence without "a-priori assumption or screams of science vs. religion; they may find Creation and flood not only to be a viable scientific model of origin—but even a superior one.

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# Books



*Such As Us: Southern Voice of the Thirties* edited by Tom E. Terrill and Jerrold Hirsch. University of North Carolina Press. 303 pages. \$14.95.

What might be termed "living history" — narratives actually derived from people who experienced it — has a quality that even the best-researched derived history cannot match.

This book on the hard times that affected North Carolinians and other Southerners all the way back to the Civil War qualifies as living history. The life histories and quotations selected for the book are products of the Federal Writers' Project in the 1930's. This project collected more than a thousand true-to-life stories, and even the two books (this is the second) derived from the project have hardly touched the surface.

Nevertheless, the material included here is first-rate, and gives a unique look into the time period covered, ending with the Great Depression — which some farmers say started in the South 10 years ahead of the rest of the nation.

We read a story of people who live in cabins and "get along on a few hogs and chickens ... cows is pretty few and beef meat is scarce." We learn about old folks who are no longer able to do much work, and young families that move from one landlord to another.

We read conversations with the landlord, only a little better off than his tenants. . . and the entire families, including small children, who go to town to find work in the textile mills.

To show the competition for a livelihood in the Depression days, we have the story of a Negro man who started the rural mail delivery route

when it paid \$30 a month, and he had to provide his own horse, buggy and feed for the horse.

But later, when the wages were upped to \$75 a month, the man who had carried the route more than 10 years was replaced. At the higher wage, "it seemed a white man should carry it."

Labor strife that came in the 1930's is also covered, and the pro-union and anti-union fight was even grimmer in North Carolina in those hard times than it is today.

The writers who contribute to the pages are not nameless by any means. Some of the best is provided by Bernice Kelly Harris, who has numerous sections included. Others include Mary A. Hicks, James Aswell, Ida L. Moore and Robert McKinnis. But in some cases the actual authors are not known.

Five excellent pictures, provided by the USDA-Farm Security Administration (now Farmers Home Administration) only make you wish that more had been included.

This is a fascinating narrative on very recent history in North Carolina and a few neighboring states.


Frank Jeter Jr. is public information officer for USDA—Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina

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### COUNTRY KITCHEN

Submitted by Mrs. Elaine Mason of Raleigh

#### CHOCOLATE CAKE

2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour  
 2 cups sugar  
 1 tsp. baking soda  
 1 tsp. cinnamon  
 1 cup margarine

1 cup water  
 ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa  
 ½ cup plain yogurt  
 2 eggs  
 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 15½x10½x1 inch jelly roll pan, set aside. In large bowl, mix first four ingredients. In medium sauce pan, heat margarine, water and cocoa to boiling. Pour hot mixture over dry ingredients and beat until well mixed. Add yogurt, eggs and vanilla—continue beating until mixed. Pour batter into pan and bake 15 to 20 min. Do not overbake—cake should be moist. Cool for 5-10 min. and ice.

2 tbs. cocoa  
 6 tbs. margarine

#### ICING

½ cup yogurt  
 2 ½ cups sifted confectioners sugar  
 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine margarine, cocoa and yogurt in sauce pan and heat to rapid boil, stir. Remove from heat, stir into confectioners sugar and add vanilla. Spread over warm cake and top with nuts, if desired.

If you would like to share a recipe with this column, send it to: **COUNTRY KITCHEN**, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611. We pay \$5 for published recipes.





## DO YOU FEEL THAT TOO MUCH EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON ATHLETICS, RATHER THAN ACADEMICS, IN SCHOOLS TODAY?

Yes, there is too much emphasis on athletics. But we can't do away with them completely. The body and the mind are equally important. Therefore, we ought to make academics just as important and honor our athletes equally. Both are important.

**Dora Byerly  
Lexington**

*Dora is a student at Central Davidson Senior High School and enjoys reading, writing, baking, singing and bicycle riding. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Byerly, are served by Davidson EMC, Lexington.*

No, I don't think athletics has more emphasis placed on it because most school athletic programs are voluntary. Furthermore, our school and most others demand that you keep your grades up before you may be on any school team. As for physical education classes, those times merely let you let off tension and they don't interfere with schoolwork.

**Patti Culler  
Boone**

*Patti just completed the eighth grade at Green Valley Elementary School, and enjoys reading, roller skating, biking and writing letters. She and her*

*mother, Lucy Culler, are served by Blue Ride EMC, Boone.*

No, I feel that if the schools provide a variety of sports that appeals to the majority of students, it would promote better study habits. In order to do your utmost in classes, your body should be in good physical condition.

**Rose Lee  
Thomasville**

*Rose is a rising sophomore at East Davidson Senior High School and enjoys reading, swimming and volleyball. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Lee, are served by Davidson EMC, Lexington.*

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## Edison's Lamp Altered The World's Lifestyle

*The 100th anniversary of Thomas Edison's invention of the incandescent electric light bulb will be observed Oct. 21, 1979. It is an event symbolic of the inventiveness of man, the promise of research and the importance of energy. As such, it serves as a meaningful focal point for a year-long Centennial of Light. It will be a monument to one of the great contributors to technology, and a serious effort to find new pathways to the future which, after all, is really an extension of Edison's own example.*

Few individuals touch so many lives that an entire nation would mourn their passing. Thomas Alva Edison was such a person.

Edison altered the lifestyle of the



Thomas Edison in his laboratory with some of the "Edison Effect" lamps. His first successful incandescent lamp was invented in October, 1879.

entire civilized world when he introduced the incandescent lamp in 1879.

His invention became such an integral part of daily life that when he died, in 1931, Edison was already a legend.

Edison's genius for invention flourished under the tutelage of his mother, an educated, cultured woman who sensed something special in her young son's penchant for experimentation.

Although his formal education ended after only three months in a Milan, Ohio, grammar school, Edison's mother instilled in him a respect for learning which lasted a lifetime.

This desire for learning cost young Edison an early job with a railroad: he set up a laboratory-on-rails to combine work with more work, but both his lab and his job went up in smoke when one of his experiments started a fire.

This association with the railroad, however, had enabled Edison to start the first traveling print shop. He sold

his newspapers at each train stop, updating stories between towns.

From 1863 to 1868, Edison took advantage of the demand for telegraphers created by the Civil War and the Reconstruction period. That job took him to Boston where he perfected his first invention, the electronic vote recorder. But the city's ward heelers saw the device as a threat to their political power play and rejected it.

Edison then made his way to New York and another invention—an improved ticker tape which allowed stockbrokers to stay ahead of market sales.

The invention was lucrative, and the \$40,000 he received from it bought a factory in Newark, N.J., which became his Menlo Park laboratory. There he assembled the associates who helped him develop the incandescent lamp.

Edison was not the first to try developing an electric light bulb. In fact, such bulbs already existed, but they burned out quickly. Also, dozens of firms supplied electric arc

*Although Edison's invention of the first successful incandescent light bulb was his most successful, his invention of the phonograph was his most financially rewarding. It began as a small machine with a grooved cylinder encased in tinfoil, over which floated a stylus.*

*As his craftsman, John Kreusi, completed the final details, he asked what it was. When he was told it was a talking machine, he and other Edison workmen bet that it wouldn't work. Taking the bet, he rotated the cylinder by hand, while shouting into a funnel attached to the stylus "Mary had a Little Lamb," which was all he could think to say. Then, he reset the stylus on the tinfoil track and cranked it again.*

*Out came Edison's distinctive voice—much to the amazement of his workers. Ever Edison was shaken. He said afterward, "I was never so taken aback. . . I was always afraid of things that worked the first time."*

*As with all inventions, there were precursors that led to the new product. This one was a telegraph recorder-repeater which Edison was working on in 1877. It resembled the phonograph only in that it recorded Morse code signals on a revolving paper disk—signals etched by a stylus controlled by a telegrapher's hand.*

*Trying to improve on the paper disc method he experimented with rolls of waxed paper tape. When he ran one through the machine at high speed, he heard a noise that had "light, musical, rhythmical sound, resembling human speech."*

*The sound haunted him. It resembled the first weak utterings over Bell's telephone which he was working to improve.*

*By putting the stylus from the telegraph recorder together with the diaphragm of the telephone, and attaching them both to a wax paper cylinder, Edison was now on his way toward the final steps that led him to his greatest money-maker.*

*The phonograph made Edison famous. During 1878, large crowds came to Menlo Park to witness its wonders. He loved the attention. He entertained his admirers by playing discs with sounds of a street brawl, and having it growl at the audience.*

*He demonstrated the phonograph wherever he could and for the most important people he could find. He even arranged a demonstration in Washington for members of Congress and the president. □*



ighting to cities.  
 Dismissing arc lighting for indoor  
 se, Edison saw incandescent  
 ighting as the substitute for gas  
 mps.  
 Before he created his improved  
 ight bulb, however, Edison  
 roduced other inventions,  
 ncluding a telegraph line which  
 arried several messages  
 ultaneously. He also continued to  
 mprove his phonograph, which  
 became his financial mainstay.

His first successful light bulb  
 xperiment began on Oct. 19, 1879,  
 hen Edison and an assistant, Francis  
 hl, turned on a bulb which burned  
 ntil Oct. 21. When later  
 xperiments produced a bulb that

## The Genius Visited North Carolina in Search of Cobalt

By Elizabeth S. Smith

Thomas A. Edison was a gentle  
 man. Quiet. Reticent. He had a  
 hearing defect which sometimes  
 osed him off from the rest of the  
 world, giving him hours to work in  
 ear soundlessness and to conjure  
 p items his peers had never  
 conceived of.

But Thomas A. Edison also had a  
 air. When his world reached out to  
 her people, as it often did, it left  
 em touched by an experience to  
 member. And when he traveled he  
 d it in style. In 1906 automobiles  
 ere discussed in frenzied  
 excitement by people who pored  
 ver pictures in newspapers and  
 agazines. Few people in this area  
 d ever seen one. Roads were  
 etsy and difficult; service and parts  
 ere scarce. An overland trip of  
 me distance was a daring feat. Yet  
 ven Edison traveled to North  
 rolina in 1906 in search of  
 cobalt his mode of transportation  
 vs two handsome White steam-  
 powered automobiles, named  
 Ecord and Disaster. Two of the five  
 mbers of his party, George Poppa  
 ad Fred Ott, were mechanics,  
 ough along just to "keep the  
 chines running."

f automobiles were a rarity, so  
 ere close-up peeks at celebrities.  
 B this time Edison was already well  
 own for his phonograph, electric  
 lap and motion picture projector.  
 H itinerary was well publicized and  
 along the way the shy man  
 ountered mobs eager to view  
 b the man and his steamers.

lasted for 102 hours, Edison secured  
 the necessary financial backing and  
 patents.

On New Year's Eve, 1879, Edison  
 introduced his invention to the  
 world and for several years  
 thereafter, the Pennsylvania Railroad  
 had to add cars to accommodate the  
 huge crowds which thronged to see  
 his bulbs light up the Menlo Park  
 compound.

This was just the first of many  
 inventions, such as the generator  
 and central power station, which  
 evolved into the power systems we  
 know today.

The man behind these inventions  
 was a warm and sensitive human  
 being with a dry wit and a strong  
 concern for others. He also had his  
 share of eccentricities.

Edison smoked cigars incessantly.  
 He suffered from a severe dandruff  
 problem, frequently forgot to wash  
 and abhorred silly questions or  
 suggestions.

Edison was also deaf and some  
 biographers feel his determination in  
 turning his dreams into reality also  
 enabled him to turn this handicap  
 into an asset.

America's growth was always a  
 major concern to Edison. Just before  
 his death at age 84 he wrote, "I have  
 lived a long time. I have seen history  
 repeat itself again and again. I have  
 seen many depressions in business.  
 Always, America has come out  
 stronger and more prosperous."

It was Edison with his light bulb  
 who made much of this strength and  
 prosperity possible. □

His party of five (son Charles, son-  
 in-law J.V. Miller and the two  
 mechanics) left West Orange, N.J.,  
 on May 16th and crossed the North  
 Carolina line on May 21st. Some of  
 the mileage was chalked up at night  
 since they had "powerful headlights  
 and could see after dark." Along the  
 way he stopped to make speeches in  
 major cities.

The inventor, then 59, had  
 developed an alkaline storage  
 battery but its excessive weight of 67  
 pounds made it prohibitive for the  
 transportation industry. He believed  
 the use of cobalt and nickel could  
 reduce the weight to a more  
 reasonable 46 pounds, which the  
 rubber tires of the day could  
 withstand. For some time he had  
 commissioned prospectors in North  
 Carolina to search for cobalt.  
 Positive results had been found in  
 Mitchell, Wake, Jackson, Clay,  
 Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston  
 counties.

Edison was excited over North  
 Carolina. Enroute, while speaking in  
 Winston-Salem, he commented that  
 "You can find anything in the  
 mineral line in the Old North State.  
 Your gold mines will pay when  
 people with modern methods begin  
 working them." After the speech he  
 delicately declined an invitation to  
 tour Winston-Salem's street railway,  
 saying his "powerful headlights"  
 could get them to Lincolnton after  
 dark.

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Frances Reinhardt Puckett of  
 Lincoln County with Edison  
 "talking machine," which the  
 inventor gave her father after  
 visiting North Carolina.



# Genius Visited North Carolina

Most of Edison's personal research took place in Lincoln County, where he spent 10 days. His party checked into the old North State Hotel (since razed) in Lincolnton for the handsome sum of \$2.00 per person per day, room and board. Mostly they used the hotel for bathing, as much of their time was spent on a camp site set up across the road from the Joseph Reinhardt residence near Iron Station. Reinhardt was

Edison's most promising prospector and it was in Lincoln County that cobalt was found on May 27th.

On an overly warm May 26th a *Charlotte Observer* reporter set out by train for Lincolnton. His assignment: An interview with the "world's greatest inventive genius." But the reporter's early morning arrival was too late for the industrious Edison. He had already departed for a day's digging at Paysour's Mountain in Gaston County and wouldn't return until sundown. The undaunted reporter engaged a local guide, a buggy, a team of horses, and sought out the dusty roads to the mountain. His guide, keen of eye, eventually spied "two tracks like those of tremendous snakes." Right off he surmised them to be the tracks of an automobile. His speculation was confirmed when he spotted nearby the churned-up footprints of a rearing horse, terrified by the strange touring car. "We're sure enough on the right track now," the guide said—and sure enough, a short distance away on the mountainside stood Edison, pick in hand. Collarless, hatless, and occasionally mopping the brow of his massive head, Edison talked genially with the reporter while continuing to dig in the soil. He showed the reporter an example of cobalt—black, smooth and greasy—which he described as "a tramp material which leashes out out and beats about like a human tramp. It's usually found with manganese."

The inventor's elation over finding cobalt in North Carolina was eventually dispelled since the quantity was not sufficient to support the manufacture, and Edison's venture was subsequently aborted.

Edison continued his westward trek in the gleaming touring cars through the Toxaway Lake area and

into Asheville. His daily journal was punctuated with such comments as "Rear axle broke. Freddie and Poppa left for Tryon to repair it." From Asheville the autos were shipped back home and Edison and his party continued by sleeper train over the mountains to Chattanooga, Nashville and back to New Jersey, arriving in Newark on June 15th. Altogether they had logged 2,500 miles, about half of it by auto.

The 1906 trip was not Edison's first sojourn to North Carolina. Fifteen years earlier he had spent several months at the mint in Charlotte running unsuccessful experiments in extracting gold from ore through the use of electricity. But Edison had been an unknown then and the trip was totally unheralded, sparing the taciturn man encounters with the public. His cobalt trip was of a different nature, and there are some few folks around who still speak of a personal encounter with the "nice quiet man." One of these is prospector Reinhardt's daughter, Frances Reinhardt Puckett, who at the age of six took her father by the hand and entreated him for an introduction to a "famous inventor." She recalls that Edison, who seemed so enraptured by sound, declared that "Sound never dies. One of these days I'm going to invent something which will pick up all the words that have ever been spoken." To which Reinhardt replied, "Wonderful. Then I can hear Mama again."

Upon his return home, Edison shipped Reinhardt a "talking machine" and continued a correspondence which lasted his lifetime. Folks came for miles around to see and hear the new-fangled contraption sitting in the Reinhardt parlor. Daughter Frances, who still lives in the rambling country house across the road from the Edison camp site, when asked where the machine is now, replied "It's in one of these closets but I'm not sure which." In its place in the parlor now sits an old rosewood grand piano, almost of the same vintage. □

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# Rural Safety Efforts Cited By Council

Six individuals and five organizations have been cited for their contributions to rural safety by the North Carolina Rural Safety Council.

The awards were presented during the council's recent annual conference in Raleigh.

Groups honored were:

Duplin County Farm Bureau, in the category for adult group of 30 members. The group, which sponsors essay contests, poster contests and various other safety programs, also won this award last year.

Sunshine Extension Homemakers Club of Wilson, adult group of under 30 members. The group promoted a community watch program, farm and fire safety, female health and self protection.

Forsyth County 4-H Club, youth group of over 30 members. The club sponsored projects in traffic, automotive, bicycle, fire and babysitting safety.

Happiness 4-H Club of Dunn, youth group of under 30 members. The club carried out programs on drugs, guns, household,

bicycle, fire power tool, water and youth child safety.

The outstanding volunteer fire department award went to the Davidson County Fireman's Association of Lexington.

Individuals honored were: Lynne Singleton of Greenville, in the category for outstanding adult professional. Sargeant Singleton, a member of the East Carolina University Police Department,

developed an educational program on campus crime prevention which she presents to various university groups.

Thelma Sports of Parkton, outstanding adult

volunteer. An active member of the Parkton Volunteer Fire Department, she participated in more than 40 fire calls in 1978.

Michelle Phillips of Dunn, outstanding youth over 13. She studied household chemical power tool, bicycle, pesticide and gun safety.

Joey Renner of Clinton, outstanding youth under 13. He served as president of the Sampson Shamrock 4-H Club in 1978 when the group won a local Farm Bureau Safety award. He also presented safety demonstrations at 4-H camps.

The award for outstanding volunteer fireman went to Douglas Batts of Wilson, member of the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department. He was primarily responsible for founding the department in 1961 and has served as chief for 18 years.

The award for outstanding rescue squad member went to Marshall A. Caulder of Parkton, who spent more than 2,000 hours as a volunteer rescue squad member and 200 hours as a hospital volunteer. He has also been involved in development of an evacuation plan for Robeson County communities.

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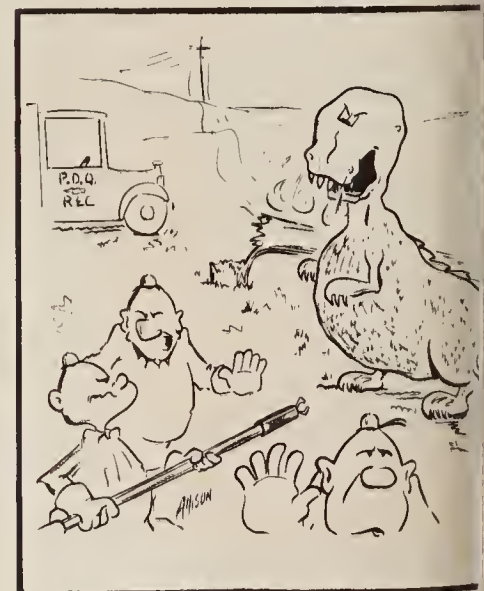
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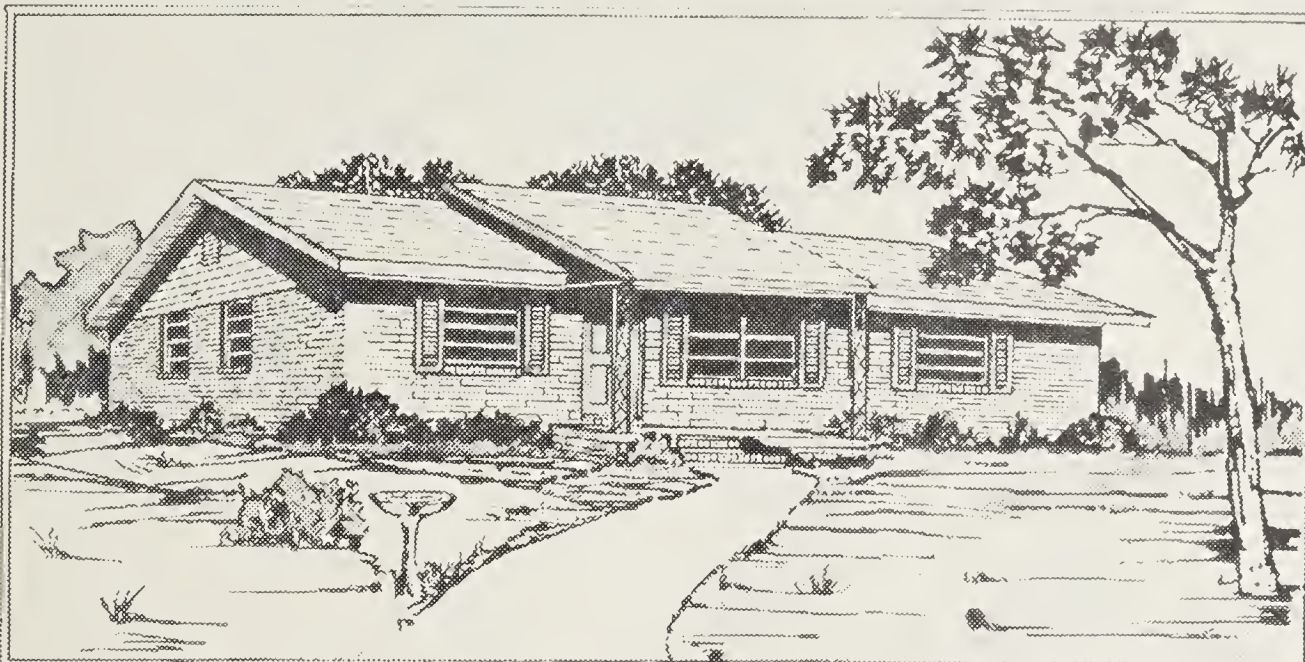


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